

I am a special education teacher in Ledyard, CT. It has been brought to my attention that you intend to cut BESB services. What a huge mistake that would be for the number of individuals who are visually impaired. These people already have far more challenges than most of us can imagine and yet you intend to make their lives even more of a hardship. Unemployment for the visually impaired is in some cases 80%. Does this sound like a number that would be decreased by cutting BESB? Our society and community is made up of all different types of people with all sorts of challenges and it is our due diligence to take care of one another, and no pun intended, but we will not turn a "blind eye" to an organization whose sole purpose is to provide direct educational services to a group of individuals who would otherwise receive none.

Thank you for your THOUGHTFUL and RATIONAL consideration in this matter,

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